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IN A NETWORK (As Amended)

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Sir:

This Reply After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 4, 2009, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Because this Reply after Final Rejection (37 C.F.R. § 1.116) is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests an Advisory Action under MPEP 706.07(f)(I)(C).

Please amend the application as follows: